

Application No. 10/723,313

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In response to the drawing objections the following amendments are submitted:

- 1) The use of "58" for flow path and bore has been obviated by elimination of "58" on page 9 relating to fluid flow path.
- 2) The "FLARETEK® type coupling 60" on page 8 has been changed to "... type connection 60".
- 3) Figure 9 was amended with "88" changed to "90".

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 20 is cancelled, claims 13 is amended and new claim 22 is added.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection for incompleteness has been addressed by adding a "clamping means" to claim 13 thereby completing the claim.

Also, a new claim similar to claim 1 has been submitted that provides that the annular ring can be on either the male portion or female portion (see page 10, lines 11-15).

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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